

Danner, Ward

From: Huetteman, Tom
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 11:32 AM
To: jd18@me.com
Cc: Armann, Steve; Wilson, Patrick; Santos, Carmen; Scott, Jeff
Subject: RE: outstanding questions to be answered since Jan 9th, 2014

Jennifer,

As we discussed by phone last week, we are coordinating our written response to your email from March 10, 2014 with our headquarters office. Your email included over 30 questions/issues to respond to so it will take us some time to prepare the response with the input needed from EPA HQ. A couple points I wanted to clarify now. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has the primary regulatory role in California. Our role is focused on the Toxics Substances Control Act (TSCA) regulations in 40 CFR Part 761, which addresses PCBs. As you know, the District is working with DTSC to evaluate other potential contaminants at the high school.

Several questions ask about how EPA evaluates risks for PCBs. Our overall approach follows the guidelines established by our headquarters office and which are the basis for the EPA's "Public Health Levels for PCBs in Indoor School Air" published in 2009 and found at <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/hazard/tsd/pcbs/pubs/caulk/pdf/maxconcentrations.pdf>. I also want to clarify that the cancer risk range used by EPA was developed by EPA through the publication of regulations. It was not explicitly created by Congress in any of our environmental laws.

Finally, I want to clarify the response you reference that Steve Armann made at the December 12, 2013 meeting with the Santa Monica School Board. A three person panel of state and EPA staff participated at that meeting. During the meeting a Board member asked Steve and the other panelists whether they would be willing to send their children to the Malibu High School. Steve provided his personal response to that question as did the other panel member who also has children.

Again, we are preparing a longer response with input from our headquarters office. We appreciate your continued interest and concern.

Sincerely,

Tom Huetteman, Associate Director
Waste Mgmt Div, USEPA Region 9
415-972-3751

-----Original Message-----

From: Scott, Jeff
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 7:27 AM
To: Huetteman, Tom
Subject: Fw: outstanding questions to be answered since Jan 9th, 2014

From: Jennifer deNicola <jd18@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 1:12:11 AM
To: Wilson, Patrick; Santos, Carmen; Armann, Steve
Cc: Blumenfeld, Jared; Scott, Jeff
Subject: outstanding questions to be answered since Jan 9th, 2014

Dear Patrick, Steve and Carmen:

Would you please address the attached letter in writing. I have been waiting for 2 months for some of these answers.

Thank you,

Jennifer deNicola
jd18@me.com